Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 22 Mar 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 23 Mar 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 21 Mar 2024 at 13:45

Confidence: High for limited showers Friday, building for Saturday, medium for the transition to frontal precipitation late Sunday, into Monday, lowering confidence of the detail of worst of conditions thereafter.

Headline for Friday 22 Mar 2024: Rain clearing early morning. Thereafter largely dry, bright morning. Chance of showers increasing from afternoon. Freezing level gradually lowering. Fresh to strong summit winds bringing severe wind chill at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 22 Mar 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
90%	90%	80%	20%	20%	30%	40%	40%

Forecast for Friday 22 Mar 2024

Weather: Periods of rain at first overnight, clearing towards dawn leave a largely dry and perhaps bright start to Friday. Most staying dry through the day with good sunny spells developing, but chance of showers gradually increasing from mid-day, with snow level lowering to 400-500m for the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% becoming 80% from late morning

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in early rain and later rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases quite extensive early morning, then occasionally lowering 600m thereafter, mainly later in the day as the risk of showers increases.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	21/29 SW	16/22 W	12/16 NW	15/22 NW	17/24 NW	18/25 NW	17/25 W	18/26 W	18/27 W
300	15/29 SW	10/21 W	6/13 NW	10/21 NW	13/24 NW	13/25 NW	11/22 W	11/23 W	12/24 W
Valley	14/29 SW	9/21 W	5/13 NW	10/20 NW	12/24 NW	13/25 NW	10/22 W	10/23 W	11/23 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	6/2	7/3	4/0	4/-1	5/0	5/-0	3/-2	1/-4	1/-5
300	8/4	8/6	6/4	7/4	8/5	8/4	5/2	4/-0	3/-1
Valley	8/5	9/7	7/5	7/5	9/6	8/6	6/3	4/1	4/-0
Freezing Level*	2500m	2500m	1800m	900m	900m	800m	800m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Risk sunburn in exposure in afternoon sunshine despite the falling freezing level. Severe wind chill descending to quite low levels late in the day as freezing level drops.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Thu 21 Mar 2024	0.4mm	4mm	11mm

Forecast for Saturday 23 Mar 2024

Weather: A showery day with outbreaks turning heavy at times, bringing the risk of hail and thunder during the afternoon. Snow level 400-600m.

Maximum wind: Westerly beginning mean 30mph with gusts reaching 45mph across most exposed ridges and summits, before slowly moderating through the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 70% for any given time early becoming 40% later, but very low for extended clear periods.

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good becoming moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases quite frequently lowering 600m.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 Celsius increasing 14 Celsius during the afternoon
At 600m: Zero to plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 600-800m

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